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The meeting was called to order at 11.40 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (agenda item 4) (continued)

Adoption of concluding observations

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt its concluding observations concerning the initial reports of States parties considered at its seventeenth session.

2. Mrs. MBOI (Rapporteur) said that action to implement the Convention was uneven almost everywhere, partly because the full scope of children's rights was only gradually becoming clear and partly because of varying national priorities, resource limitations and, in some cases, conflicts between traditional values and the global consensus on children's rights. The Committee hoped through its suggestions and recommendations to facilitate the ongoing process of national and international reflection and action aimed at the universal enforcement of children's rights.

Initial report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (CRC/C/28/Add.6)

3. Mrs. MBOI (Rapporteur) presented the Committee's draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (CRC/C/15/Add.84).

4. The draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya were adopted.

Initial report of Ireland (CRC/C/11/Add.12)

5. Mrs. MBOI (Rapporteur) presented the Committee's draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of Ireland (CRC/C/15/Add.85).

6. The draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of Ireland were adopted.

Initial report of the Federated States of Micronesia (CRC/C/28/Add.5)

7. Mrs. MBOI (Rapporteur) presented the Committee's draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of the Federated States of Micronesia (CRC/C/15/Add.86).

8. The draft concluding observations concerning the initial report of the Federated States of Micronesia were adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (A/53/41)

9. The CHAIRPERSON, introducing the draft biennial report of the Committee to the fifty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly (A/53/41), briefly reviewed the main chapters: conclusions and recommendations adopted

by the Committee at its twelfth to seventeenth sessions, organizational and other matters, reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention and overview of the other activities of the Committee.

10. In the absence of any objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft biennial report to the United Nations General Assembly.

11. It was so decided.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION (CRC/C/73)

12. The CHAIRPERSON, introducing the draft report of the Committee on its seventeenth session (CRC/C/73), briefly reviewed the main chapters: organizational and other matters, reports by States parties under article 44 of the Convention, overview of the other activities of the Committee and draft provisional agenda for the eighteenth session.

13. In the absence of any objection, she would take it that the Committee wished to adopt the draft report on its seventeenth session.

14. It was so decided.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

15. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRPERSON declared the seventeenth session closed.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.